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| <b>POSITIVE RESULTS CAUSED</b>    | ) |                               |
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**SUPPLEMENTAL  
RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
MAILED JULY 27, 2004**

In preparing the "Response to Office Action Mailed July 27, 2004 which "Response" was filed October 27, 2004, Applicants' Attorney noted that no abstract of the Invention had been filed.

This "Supplemental Response" transmits what is deemed to be an appropriate abstract for consideration with the "Response".

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Helen Sears". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and contact information.

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